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TAGS: ASEC, OVIP (YOUNG, ANDREW)
SUBJ: VISIT OF AMB YOUNG TO THE CARIBBEAN: SECURITY IN SURINAM

REF: STATE 179736

1. SURINAM IS A COUNTRY OF LOW DOMESTIC SECURITY PROBLEMS
AND WE ANTICIPATE NO INTERNAL THREATS. POSSIBILITY OF
EXTERNAL THREATS, I.E., PERSONS WHO MIGHT SEEK TO COME TO
SURINAM FOR PURPOSE OF THREATENING YOUNG, IS SOMETHING WE
CANNOT JUDGE EXCEPT TO NOTE IT HAS NOT HAPPENED IN THE PAST.

2. EMBASSY HAS NO MARINE GUARDS OR MILITARY PERSONNEL. WE
HAVE EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIP WITH LOCAL POLICE AND HAVE ALREADY
ARRANGED FOR POLICE SECURITY ON AIRCRAFT AND ON AMBASSADOR'S
RESIDENCE. POLICE WILL ALSO PROVIDE SECURITY DURING TRANSIT
IN CITY AND AT ALL PLACES WHERE YOUNG (AND MRS. YOUNG) WILL
BE PRESENT. EMBASSY SEES NO NEED FOR AUGMENTATION FROM RSO.

3. AGENTS GLENNON AND MCNULTY WILL REQUIRE LICENSES
FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF SURINAM TO BRING FIREARMS
INTO COUNTRY AND WE HAVE TODAY APPLIED FOR SUCH LICENSES.

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WE ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING SAME.

4. WE ASSUME THAT ON AUTOMOBILE TRIPS BETWEEN AIRPORT
AND CITY AND BETWEEN POINTS IN CITY GLENNON AND/OR MCNULTY
WOULD RIDE IN A SECURITY CAR IMMEDIATELY BEHIND THAT OF
AMB YOUNG. SINCE YOUNG WILL IN SEVERAL CASES BE RIDING
IN CAR WITH PRIME MINISTER OR OTHER HIGH OFFICIAL OF

SURINAM, IT WOULD BE AWKWARD TO TRY TO PLACE OUR AGENT
IN HIS CAR.

5. FOLLOWING SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND AS BACKGROUND FOR
SURINAM. THIS IS A RELAXED COUNTRY. WITH LEVEL OF VIOLENCE
LOW AND TOP OFFICIALS USED TO WALKING AROUND LIKE ORDINARY
PEOPLE. JUST LAST WEEK, FOR INSTANCE, THE PRESIDENT OF
SURINAM, HIS WIFE AND TWO DAUGHTERS CAME TO CONCERT BY
AMHERST COLLEGE GLEE CLUB. THEY DROVE UP TO THEATER IN
CHAUFFEUR-DRIVEN CAR, GOT OUT, WALKED IN THROUGH CROWD
WITH AMBASSADOR, PAUSED TO SHAKE HANDS, AND OTHERWISE ACTED
LIKE ORDINARY PEOPLE. WHEN SHOW WAS OVER, THEY STOOD ON
CURB WITH AMBASSADOR WAITING FOR THEIR CAR TO PULL UP, AND
ALL THIS WITHOUT ANY VISIBLE SECURITY AGENT ANYWHERE TO BE
SEEN. THAT IS NOT TO SAY GLENNON AND MCNULTY MUST NOT
CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES FULLY AND TO UTMOST IN PROTECTING
AMB YOUNG AND MRS. YOUNG. OF COURSE THEY MUST DO SO AND
AND SAFETY COMES FIRST. IT DOES MEAN THAT THEY MUST BE AS
INCONSPICUOUS AS POSSIBLE, MAKING NO OVERT MOVES
IN ABSENCE OF THREATS, AND MAKING DUE ALLOWANCES FOR
FREE AND EASY ATMOSPHERE HERE. OTHERWISE, THERE WOULD
BE A POSSIBILITY OF ADVSERSE CRITICISM ALONG LINES THAT
WOULD DETRACT FROM PURPOSES OF VISIT.
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